CLAIMS

1.   A system for accessing a wide area computer network based on a viewer-selected portion of televised closed captioning, comprising:

a TV; and

a processor coupled to the TV and receiving televised closed captioning content, the processor accessing at least one site in the network based at least partially thereon.

2.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the processor receives a viewer selected portion of the closed captioning content, the processor accessing at least one site in the network based at least partially on the selected portion.

3.   The system of Claim 2, further comprising an input device manipulable to establish the selected portion.

4.   The system of Claim 1, further comprising a data storage for storing closed captioning content, the data storage being accessible to the processor.

5.   The system of Claim 2, wherein the processor accesses a wide area network search engine and inputs as a search term or phrase at least portions of the selected portion of the closed captioning content.

6.   The system of Claim 2, wherein the processor accesses a wide area network site using a URL derived at least in part from the selected portion.

7.   A method for accessing at least one wide area network site based at least in part on televised closed captioning, comprising:

receiving the closed captioning at a television receiver;

receiving at least one viewer selection of at least a selected portion of the closed captioning; and

automatically accessing the network site based at least in part on the selected portion.

8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the act of receiving is undertaken by receiving a remote control signal.

9. The method of Claim 7, further comprising storing the closed captioning.

10. The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

accessing a search engine; and

inputting as a search term or phrase at least portions of the selected portion.

11. The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

accessing a wide area network site using a URL derived at least in part from the selected portion.

12. A system for linking televised content to wide area computer network content, comprising:

means for receiving the televised content, the televised content including alpha-numeric characters;

means for receiving a viewer selection of at least some of the characters; and

means responsive to the viewer selection for automatically accessing a wide area network site.

13.   The system of Claim 12, further comprising means for storing at least some of the characters.

14.   The system of Claim 12, wherein the means for accessing accesses a search engine and inputs as a search term or phrase at least portions of the viewer selection.

15.   The system of Claim 12, wherein the means for accessing accesses a wide area network site using a URL derived at least in part from the viewer selection.

16.   The system of Claim 12, wherein the alpha numeric characters are closed captioning.

17.   The system of Claim 16, wherein the closed captioning is displayed in a closed captioning window associated with the means for receiving televised content.

18.   The system of Claim 12, wherein the viewer selection is received from a user input device.

19.   The system of Claim 12, wherein the means for receiving televised content is a television.

20.   The system of Claim 12, wherein the means for receiving televised content includes a processor.